

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TC/A.U. 1645

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Applicant

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: A NOVEL IMMUNO-DIAGNOSTIC TEST METHOD FOR

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed

November 1, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office

Action was originally due February 1, 2006. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fee

for a two month extension of time, along with any other fee deemed necessary, from Deposit

Account 02-2135, thereby extending the due date for reply to April 1, 2006. Because April 1,

2006 falls on a Saturday, a response filed Monday, April 3, 2006 is considered timely. Thus, this 19676

Amendment is being timely filed.